







The Wheel of Life



BY THE
SAME AUTHOR

THE DELIVERANCE
THE BATTLE-GROUND
THE FREEMAN, AND OTHER POEMS
THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE
PHASES OF AN INFERIOR PLANET
THE DESCENDANT

The Wheel of Life

By
ELLEN GLASGOW



New York
Doubleday, Page & Company
1906

G 5482 W

Copyright, 1906, by
Doubleday, Page & Company
Published, January, 1906

*All rights reserved,
including that of translation into foreign languages,
including the Scandinavian.*

THE WORLD'S WORK PRESS, NEW YORK

PS

CONTENTS

PART I. Impulse

CHAPTER	PAGE
I. In Which the Romantic Hero is Conspicuous by His Absence . . .	3
II. Treats of an Eccentric Family . . .	20
III. Apologises for an Old-fashioned Atmosphere . . .	34
IV. Ushers in the Modern Spirit . . .	44
V. In Which a Young Man Dreams Dreams . . .	56
VI. Shows That Mr. Worldly-Wise-Man May Belong to Either Sex . . .	67
VII. The Irresistible Force . . .	78
VIII. Proves That a Poor Lover May Make an Excellent Friend . . .	93
IX. Of Masques and Mummeries . . .	104
X. Shows the Hero to Be Lacking in Heroic Qualities . . .	117
XI. In Which a Lie Is the Better Part of Truth . . .	130

PART II. Illusion

I. Of Pleasure as the Chief End of Man . . .	153
II. An Advance and a Retreat . . .	179
III. The Moth and the Flame . . .	190
IV. Treats of the Attraction of Opposites . . .	207
V. Shows the Dangers as Well as the Pleasures of the Chase . . .	218

CARNEGIE INSTITUTE
OF TECHNOLOGY LIBRARY

CONTENTS—Continued

CHAPTER	PAGE
VI. The Finer Vision	229
VII. In Which Failure Is Crowned By Failure	241
VIII. "The Small Old Path"	254
IX. The Triumph of the Ego	268
X. In Which Adams Comes Into His Inheritance	282
XI. On the Wings of Life	299

PART III. Disenchantment

I. A Disconsolate Lover and a Pair of Blue Eyes	311
II. The Deification of Clay	317
III. The Greatest of These	326
IV. Adams Watches in the Night and Sees the Dawn	334
V. Treats of the Poverty of Riches	347
VI. The Feet of the God	357
VII. In Which Kemper Is Puzzled	367
VIII. Shows That Love Without Wisdom Is Folly	379
IX. Of the Fear in Love	391
X. The End of the Path	401

PART IV. Reconciliation

I. The Secret Chambers	417
II. In Which Laura Enters the Valley of Humiliation	428
III. Proves a Great City to Be a Great Solitude	438
IV. Shows That True Love Is True Service	446
V. Between Laura and Gerty	457
VI. Renewal	463

PART I
—
IMPULSE